

K VII Westbury 27th September 1843

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ROYAL SOCIETY
OF TASMANIA

Though almost beside myself, by the receipt of a Letter from the Col. Bank, by this evening's post, I cannot rest a moment without addressing you - for if at I suppose from the acct. forwarded me, that my cheque for £41. 5. 0 under date 21st July, had been presented and dishonoured, it would certainly tax your good opinion of me, to account for my conduct towards you, when I told you I think only the day before I left, that there were funds in the Bank, for the liquidation of both that and the one for £47. 5. 0 - Last week I had two cheques returned to me from Launceston one for £10. 0. 0 and the other for £2, given in payment for supplies &c I purchased when in town attending the Governor, Levee - Amazed and annoyed, I wrote to Mr. Driscoll for explanation and asking for my acct. as I conceived that I had nearly £20 to my credit in the Bank - The account sent has vexed me beyond measure (I think) as the payment to Cotton on 29th July was unauthorised of £61. 1. 3, while on the other hand

hand, yours for £41. 5. 0 - and three other small
cheques £1. 5. 0 - £1. 10 - & £1. 0. 0, do not
appear leading me to infer that they also have
been dishonoured - This is cutting up my credit
here with a vengeance - The payment to
Cotton is the last of the Mortgage on my
Brighton property - I think I told you I
had given three promissory notes for that
Mortgage - two of which I had paid off, &
the last of which due 25th April last for
£59. 7. 6, I had arranged with Mr. Under
Sheriff Crompton, Cottons agent, should stand
over till I was better prepared - Now the
Bank could pay not only the Promissory note
but, Interest!!! on it also, without order from
me I cannot conceive - I think there has been
some dirty work - I know Cottons banks there;
I am now put to my wits end - I have Cheques
out to the amount of £20. 14. 0 - My two
months pay will be paid on 10th October, and
if there is no deduction from the forage allowance
for the first 18 days of it (which I apprehend)
will be the case) it will amount to £21. 1. 6
I have two Shillings in my pocket so that
I am in a pretty grand way - I have
moreover my J. L. servant, wages of £1. 10. 0
to pay - I have made some little here since
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I came, part of which I may get. — But
enough of my perplexities — My greatest
annoyance is the thought that you should
have the Cheyne for £41. 5. 0 dishonoured —
I shall cut the Col. Bank after the next
pay is drawn — Shall I obtain the writings
for my Brighton property and forward them
to you — for when I may be able to square
with you God only knows

We are all well
and hearty and somewhat more comfortable
in our quarters, tho' still cramped — The paper
arrangement admirably, and was much required —
Tho' the room is small. I had lots of carving
and patching to make the six rolls cover it — there
is not too yards left — oddly enough the ground
of the patterns is a different shade in every two
rolls out of six — but not so great as to be
very striking — The good people here are
behaving very civilly to us — Mr. A. P. M. Jones
seems very desirous of being on good terms with
me — We went to the Leaze together, and he had
taken me with him several rides — We shall
be well off for society, and shall not fret much
about the exchange, even if pecuniary returns
are only equal to Bournemouth — Our son became
a member of the Catholic Church on Saturday
last

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The Rev Mr Colman having to visit a
Case in Hospital -

I pointed out to Rev Mr Bickton the Townsh
Case in the last Col. Times, when he was here
with Mr B on Saturday last - he was not
much amazed - I find there was a
regular plot with the Russells & Haslett - &
that some time before the Petition against
me was got up - Haslett was offered a
certain annual amount to practise privately
in Bothwell, if they could not out me -
they are all scoundrels together - Haslett
described to Mr Garrett long after the exchange
was agreed upon, that he had ^{any} intention of
going to Bothwell, or was corresponding with
the Russells - while the fact is he has been
prescribing for P. Russell ever since he
came to the Colony - I wish the District joy
of my success - He has not left many
admirers behind him - Do write some
by return of post - I want much to know
if you have given that puppy Jew boy his
deserts - The Children are almost hourly talking
of Curry and Mr & Mrs Cook - All unite with
Mr H and myself in kindest regards to you
both - Believe me ever yours
Sincerely
E. J. Hall